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Title:	REDUCTASE GENE AND USE OF THE SAME		

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

This is in response to the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed December 22, 2006. This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, in view of amendments necessary to the sequence listings of SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows, where, compared to the claims in the Examiner's Amendment, any deletions are stricken through or enclosed in double brackets and any insertions are underlined, where the designation "(Previously Presented)" means that the claim was previously presented by Applicant, and where "(Previously Presented By Examiner)" means that the claim was amended by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment in a manner different than as previously presented by Applicant: